

Winter-time Safety: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning



When there's snow on
the ground,
**CARBON MONOXIDE
POISONING IS A
DANGER TO YOUR FAMILY!**



Here's what you need to know.

Carbon Monoxide is an invisible gas. It has no smell, taste, or color. It's a POISON and it can kill!

In the winter, the exhaust pipe on your car can get blocked by snow.

If you warm up your car with a blocked exhaust pipe, carbon monoxide will back up into your car. Anyone sitting in the car can be poisoned.

- Never leave a car running in the garage.
- Never leave a child or pet in a car with the motor running.
- Never sleep in a car with the motor running.

If a heater in your house has a vent to the outside, the vent can get blocked by snow on the ground.

If the vent is blocked, the heater or furnace can produce carbon monoxide that will back up into your house and poison you and your family. It can happen while you are asleep.

- Keep checking to make sure that all your heating vents are free of snow at all times.
- All homes are required to have carbon monoxide detectors. Landlords are responsible for installing and maintaining them in rental homes and apartments.